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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

Friday April 9, 2021

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- **Enhanced to Moderate Risk of severe storms this afternoon, evening and into the overnight hours from E OK, AR, NE TX into LA. Damaging winds, very large hail, and tornadoes possible.**
 - **Heavy rain/flash flooding also possible, especially in AR/LA.**
- **Critical fire weather conditions over NM & W TX today.**
- **May see a period of heavy rain potential begin along the northern Gulf Coast by Tuesday.**

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Apr 9, 2021 - Apr 13, 2021



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DAY / THREAT	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
Severe Storms	SE AR, NE LA	SE LA (AM)			
	E OK, NETX, SAR, LA				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	LA, AR	SE LA (AM)			SE LA
Fire Weather	NM, W/SW TX	NM, W TX	NM, W TX		
Winds					
Winter Weather					
River Flooding	AR, LA	AR, LA	AR, LA	AR, LA	AR, LA

	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria. State or local threat level criteria may differ.

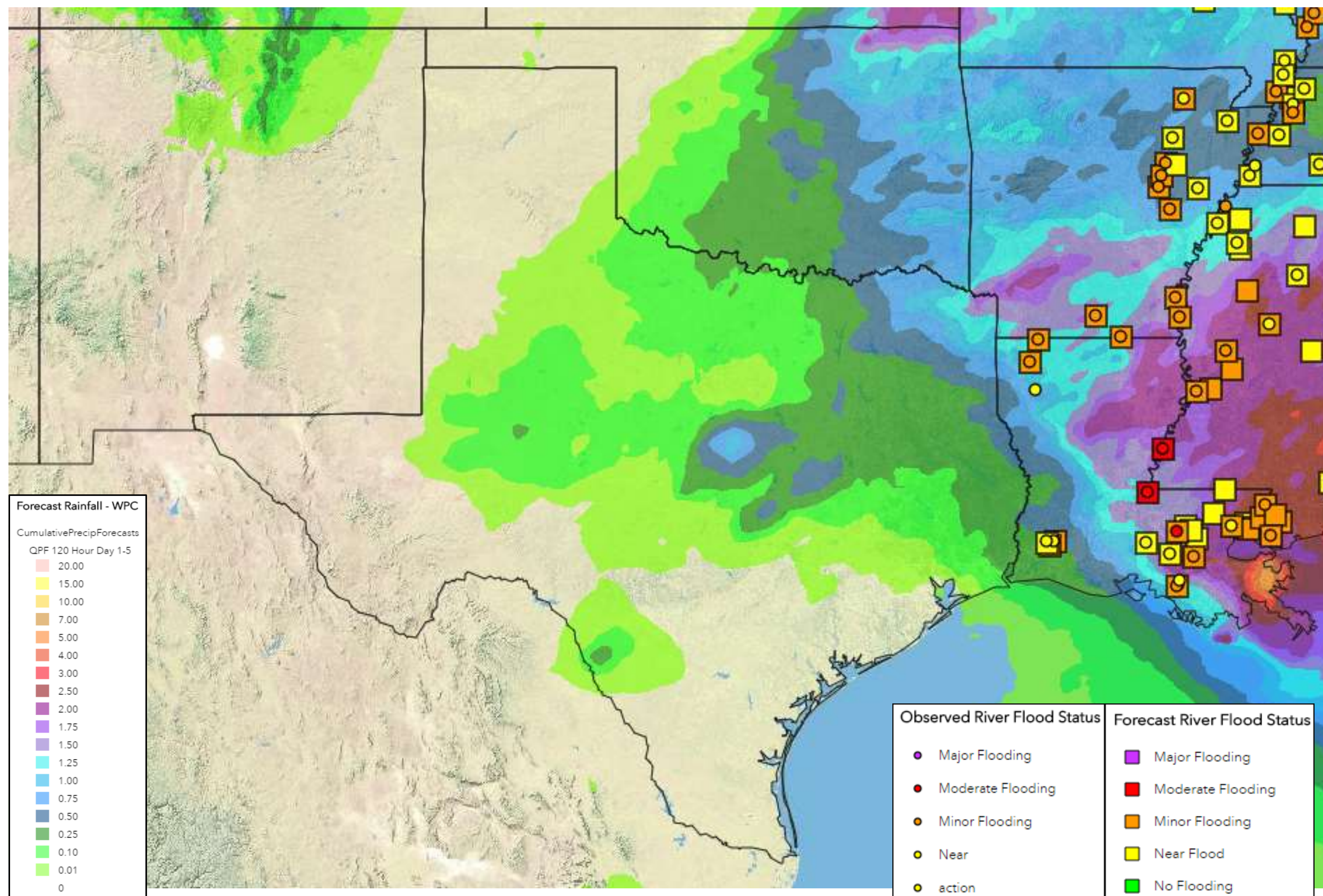
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.

5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



Minor river flooding continues across portions of LA and AR with impacts to secondary roads and agricultural/recreational areas.

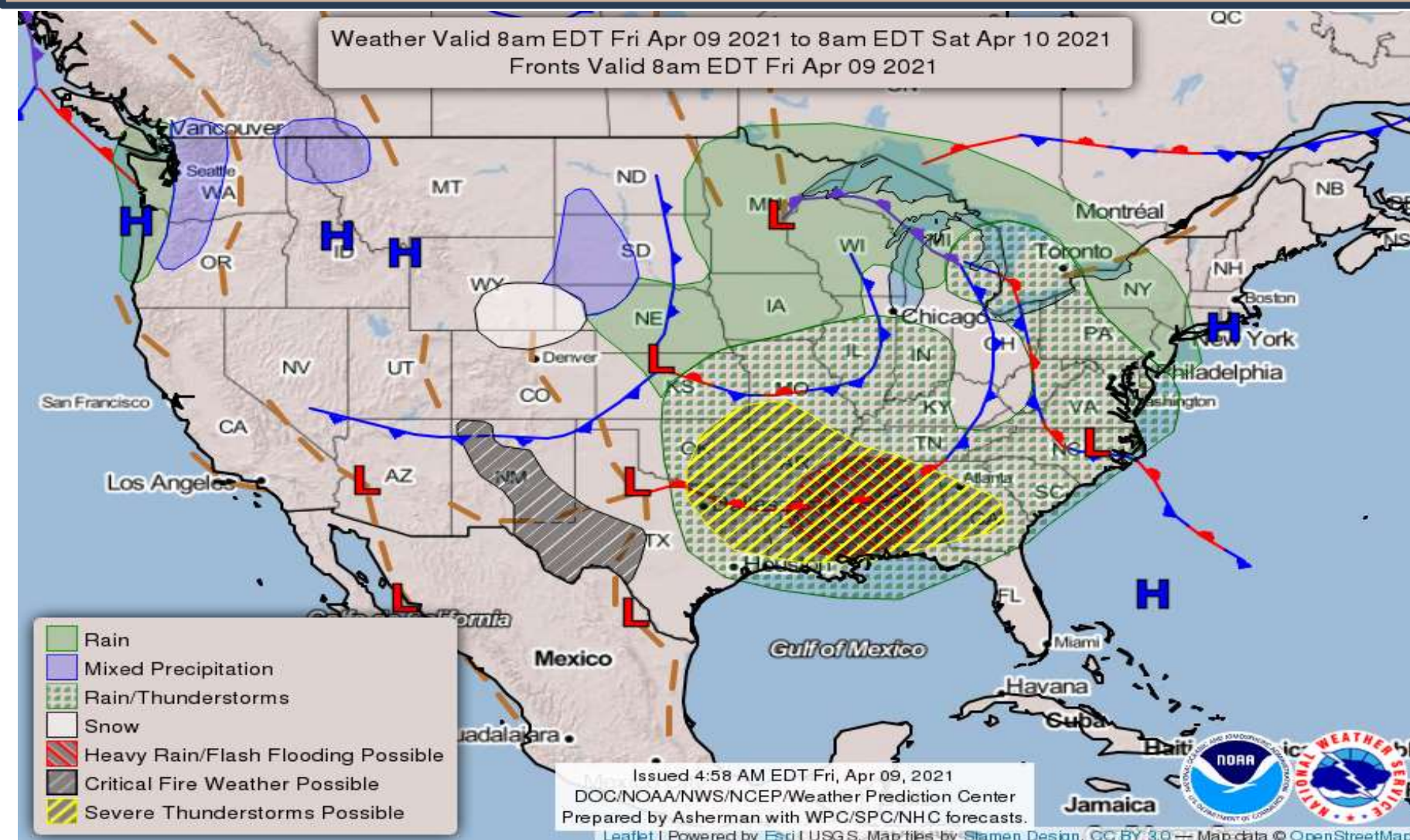
The Mississippi River at Natchez in SW MS and Osceola in AR will remain in moderate flood stage through late next week; no significant impacts.

The Mississippi River at Red River Landing is in moderate flood. River islands will be inundated, recreational camps and river bottom land will be under water. Water approaches Angola farm land.

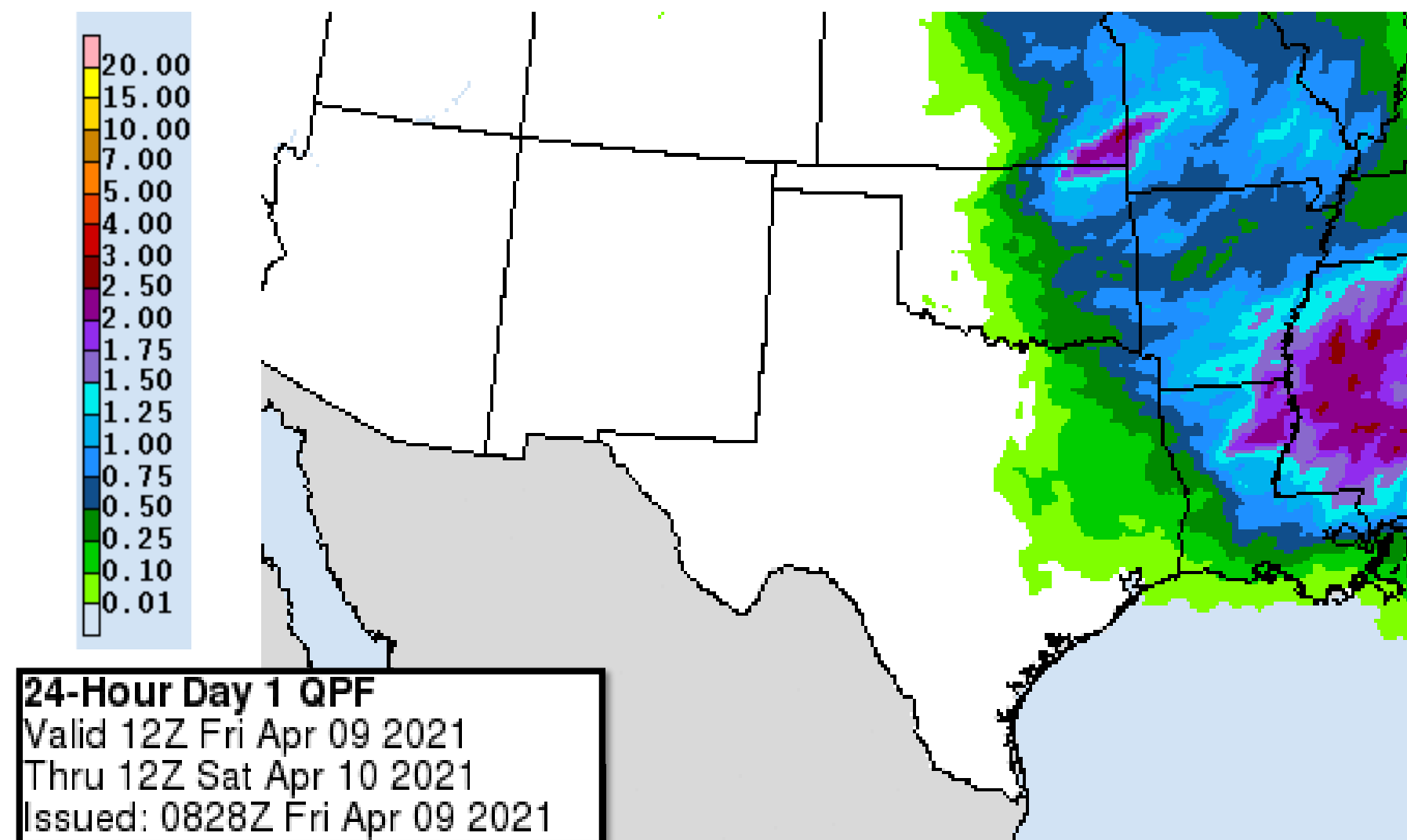
The MS River near Baton Rouge is near moderate flood stage, river traffic and industrial activity on the river side of the levees will be greatly affected.

Today's Weather

Forecast Chart



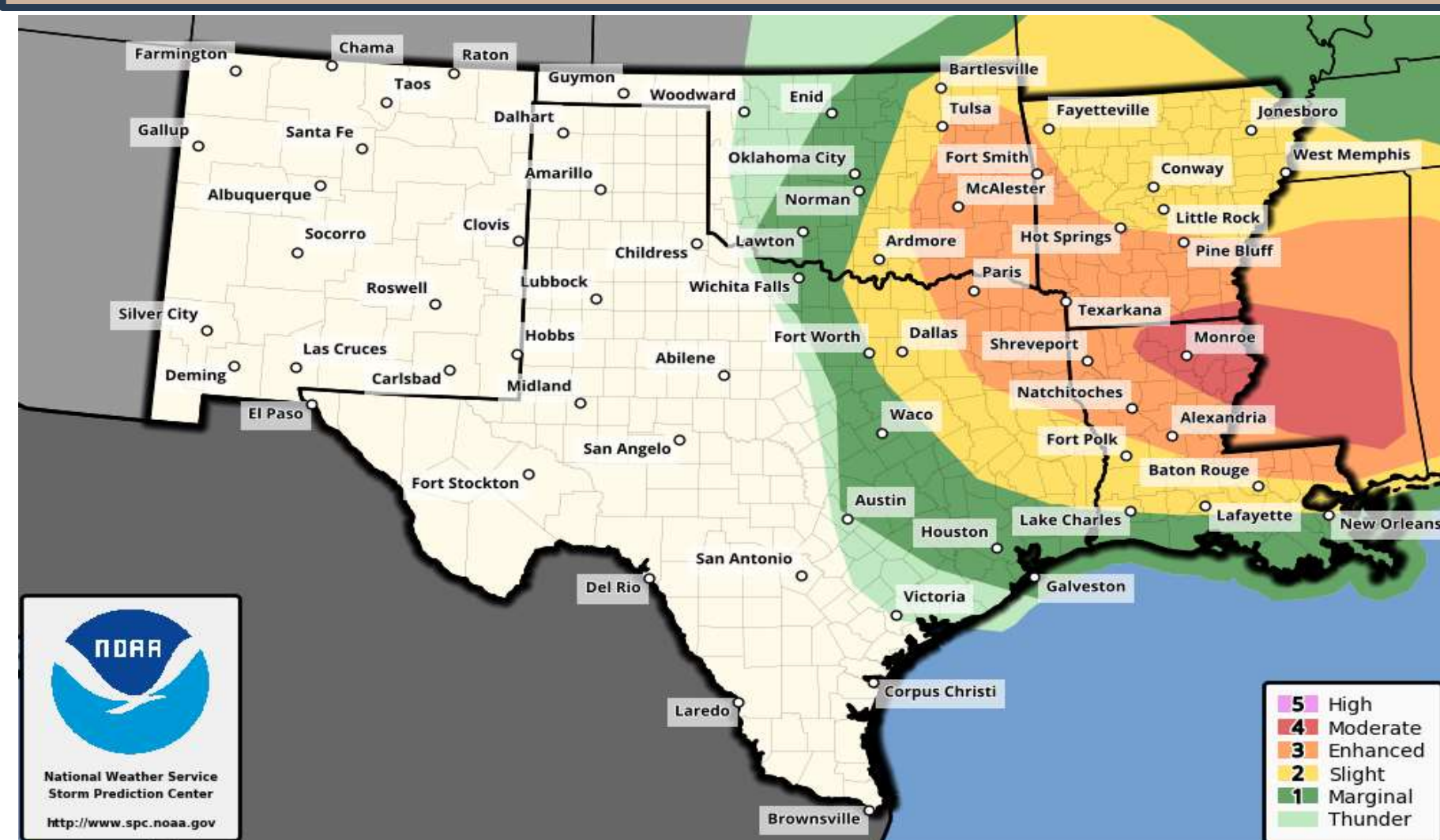
Forecast Rainfall



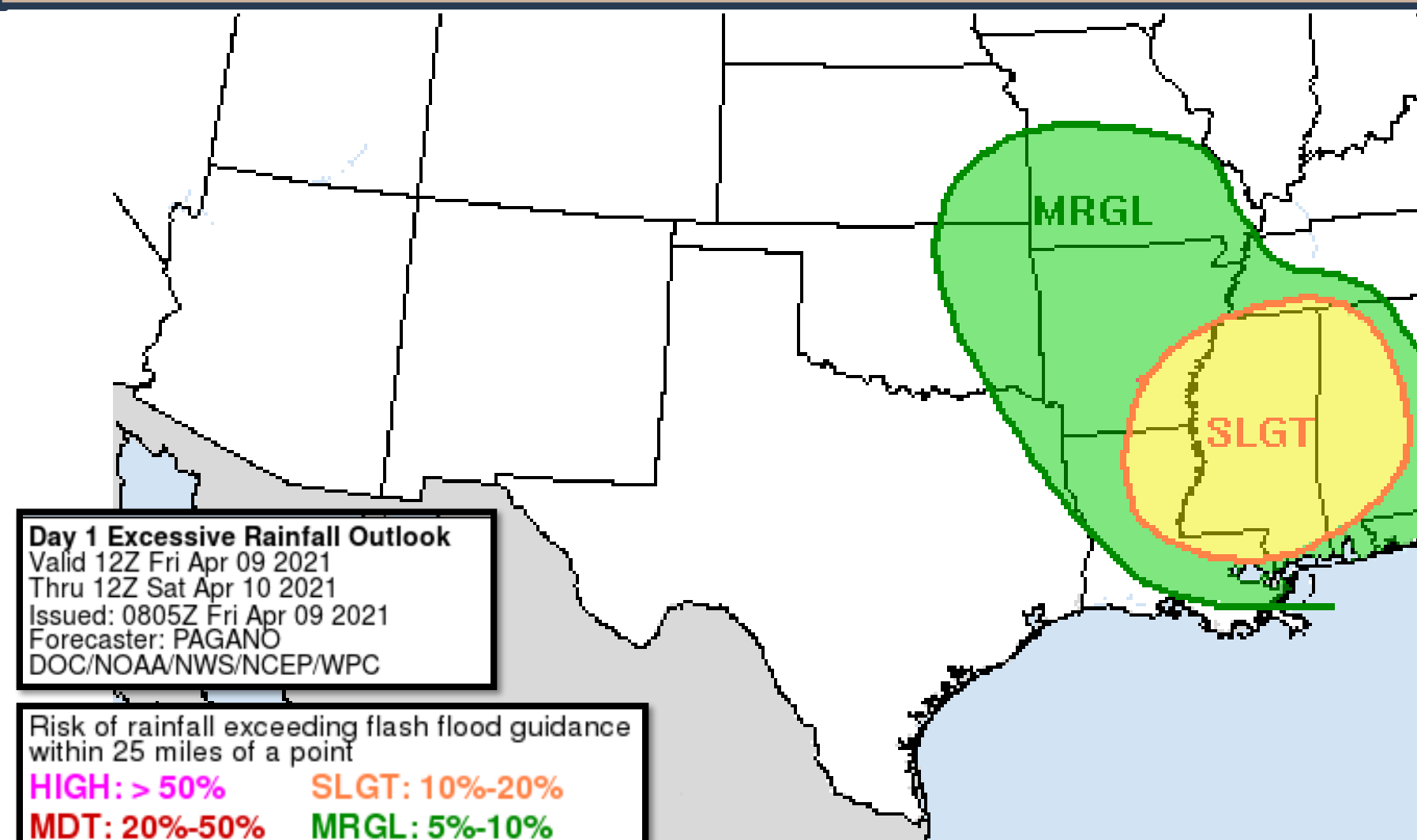
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Severe Weather Outlook



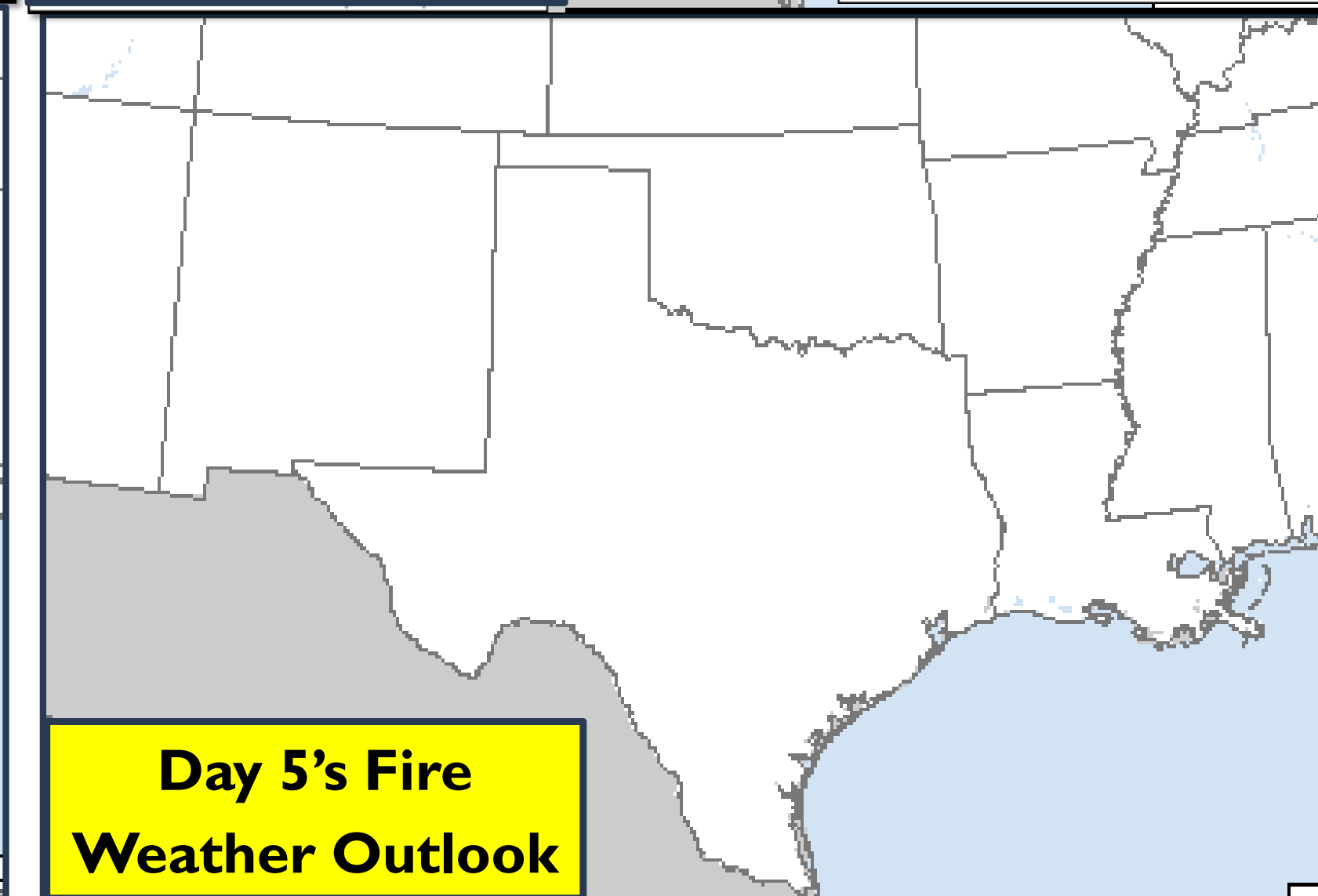
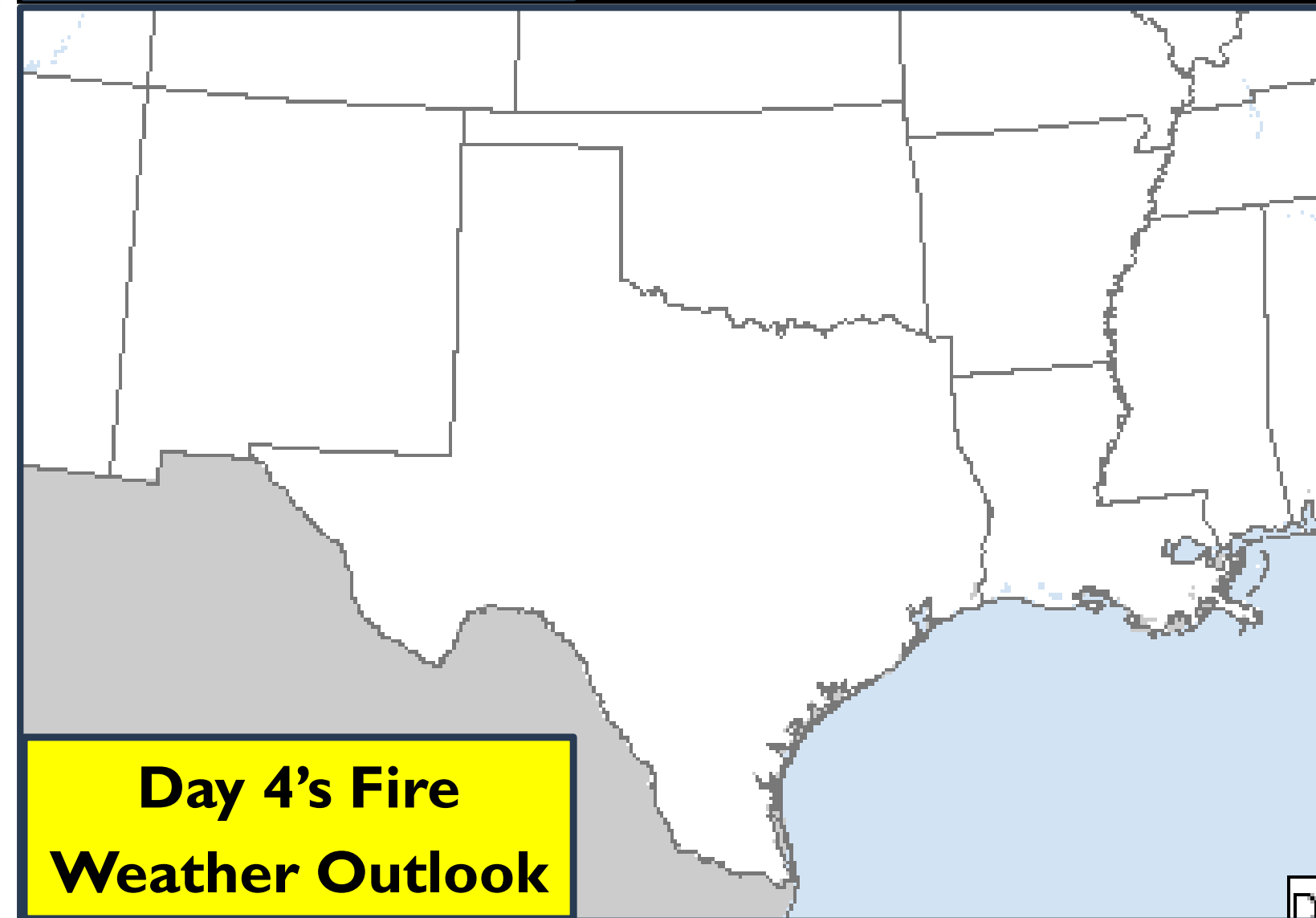
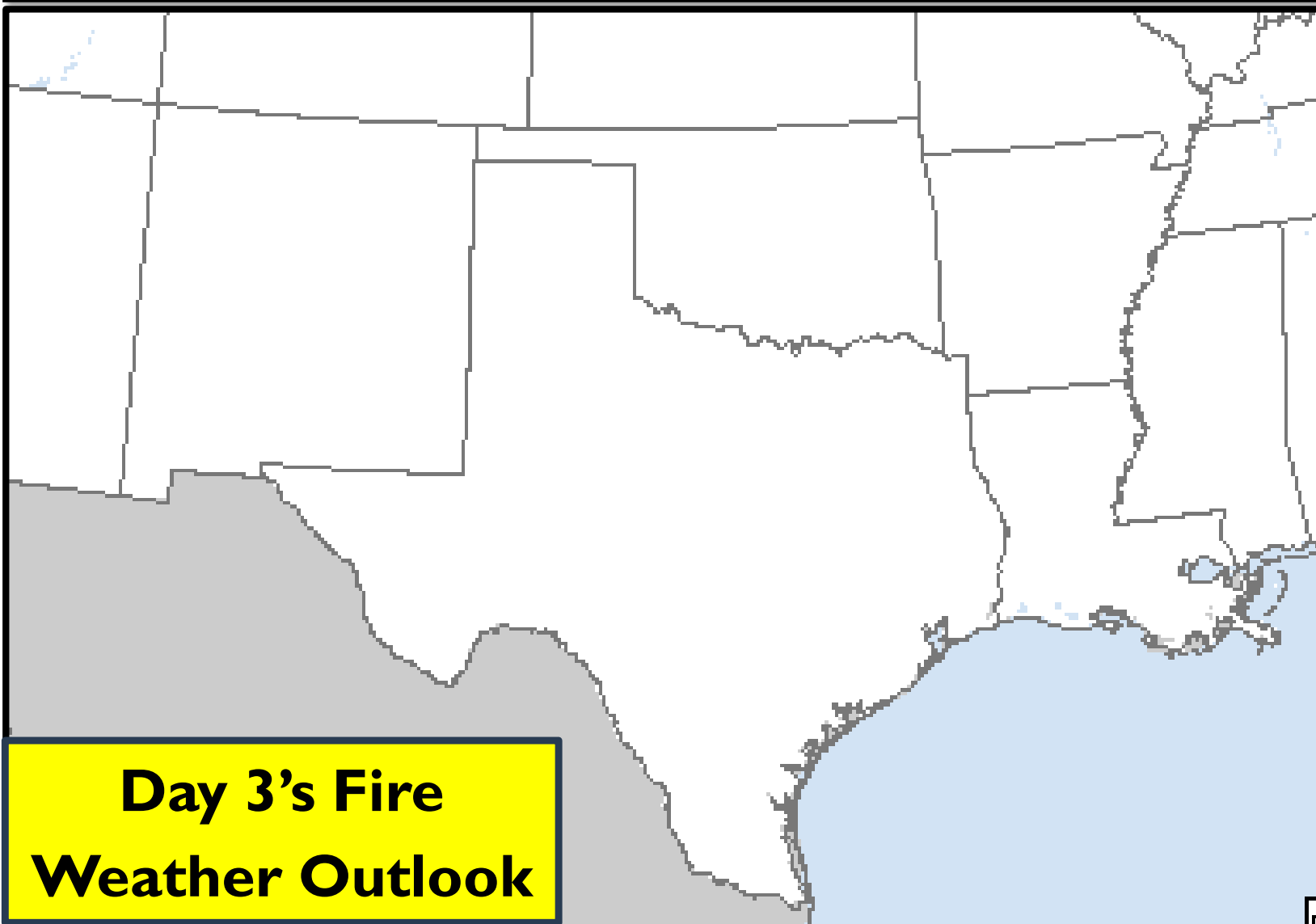
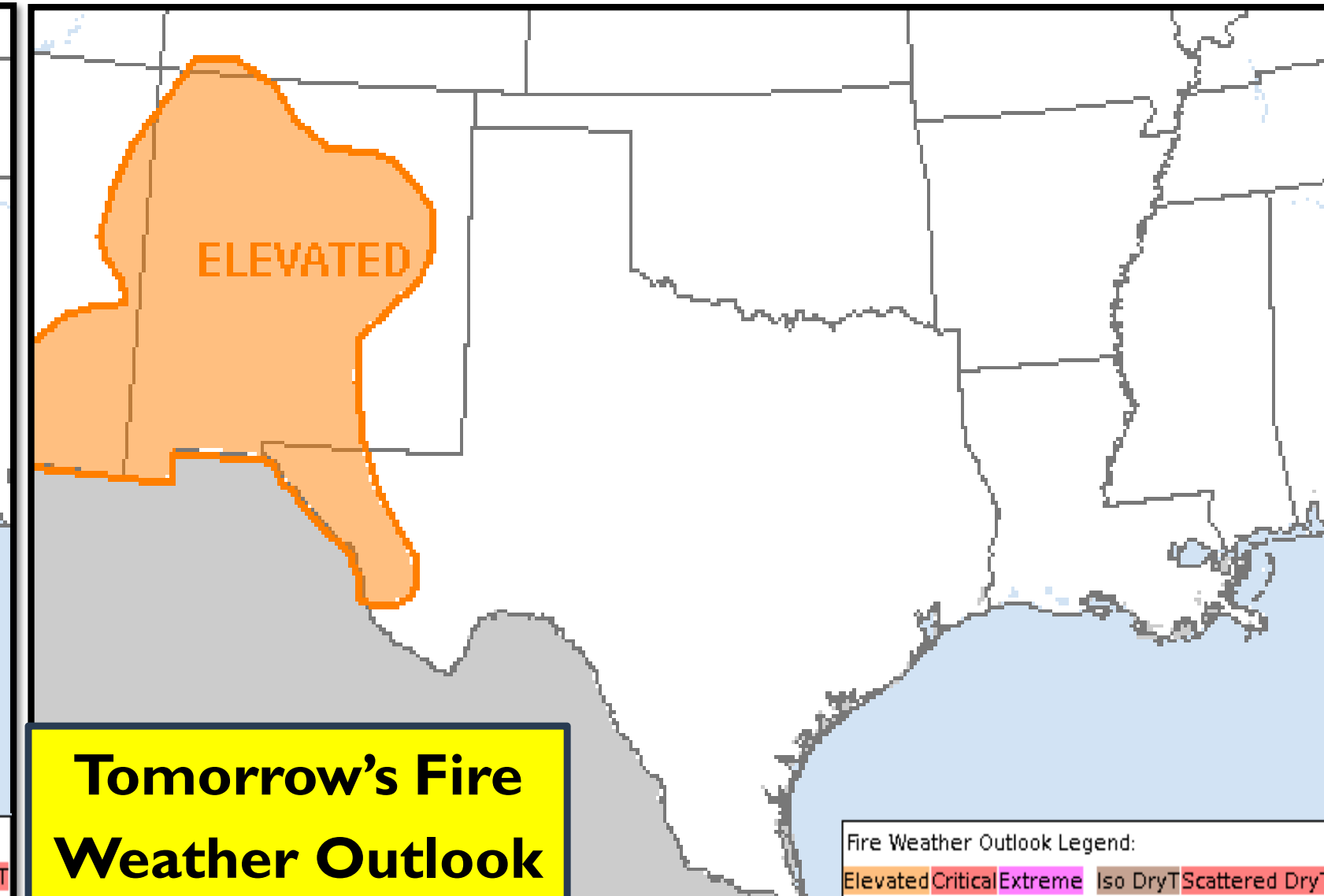
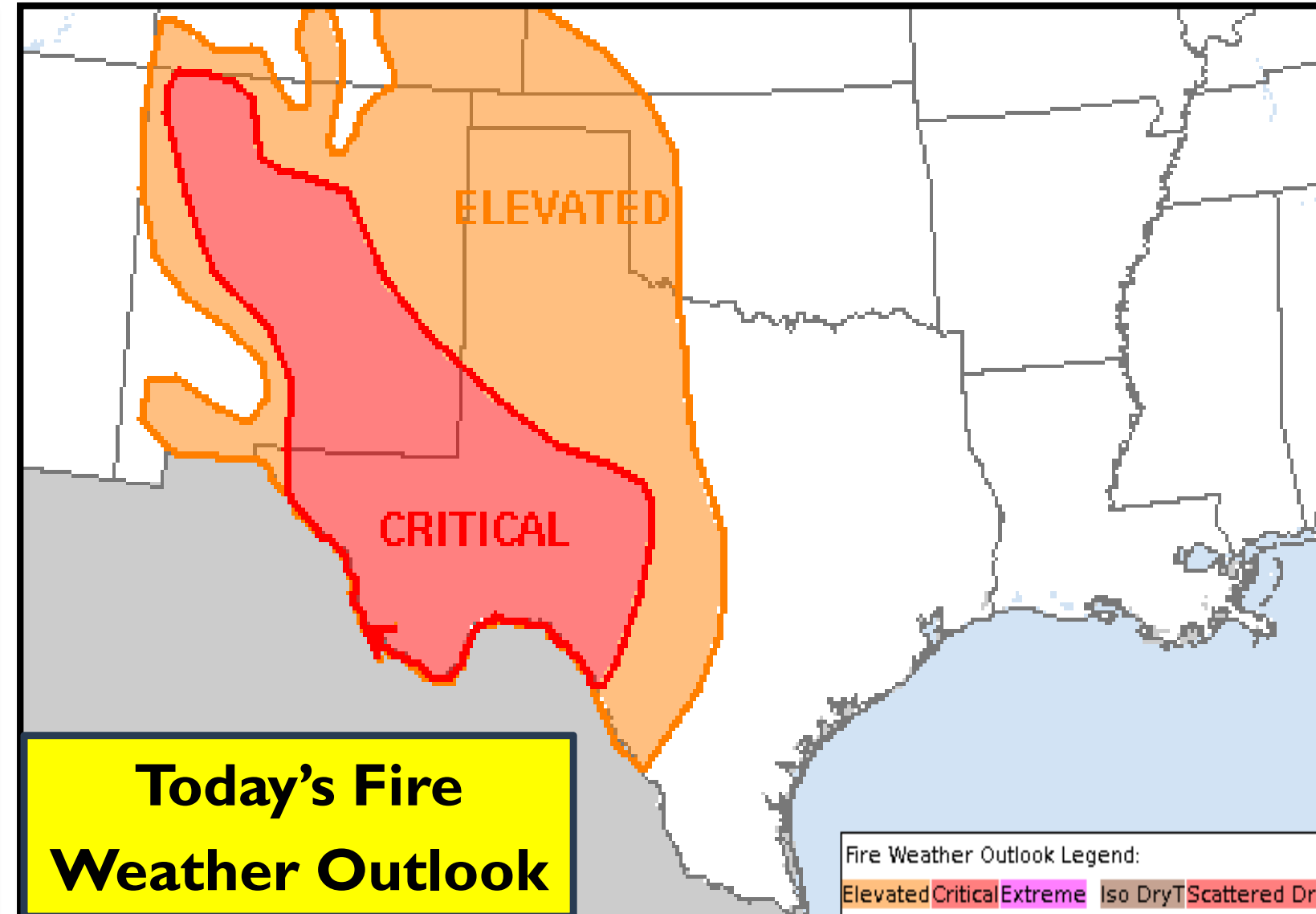
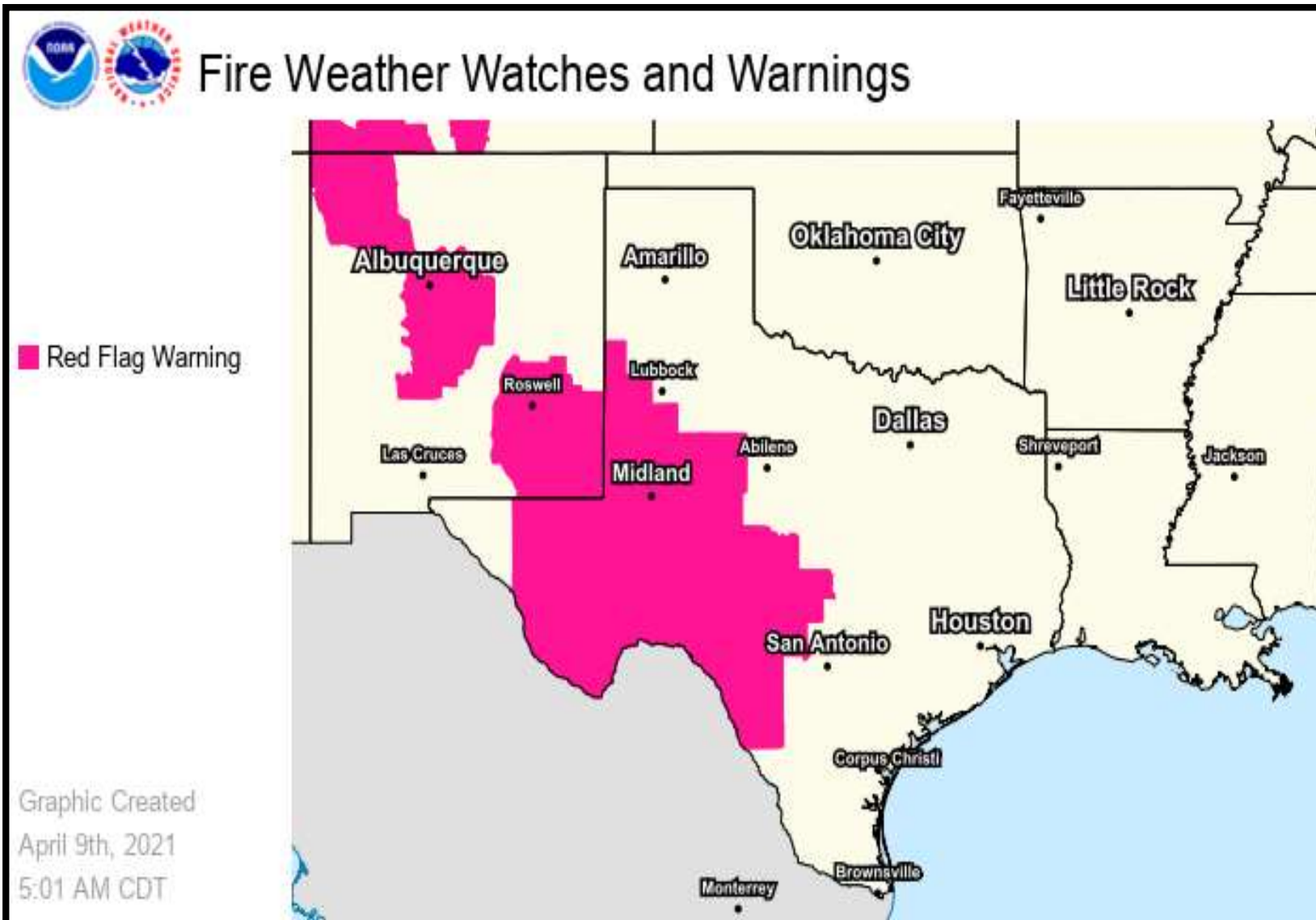
Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Fire Weather Outlooks



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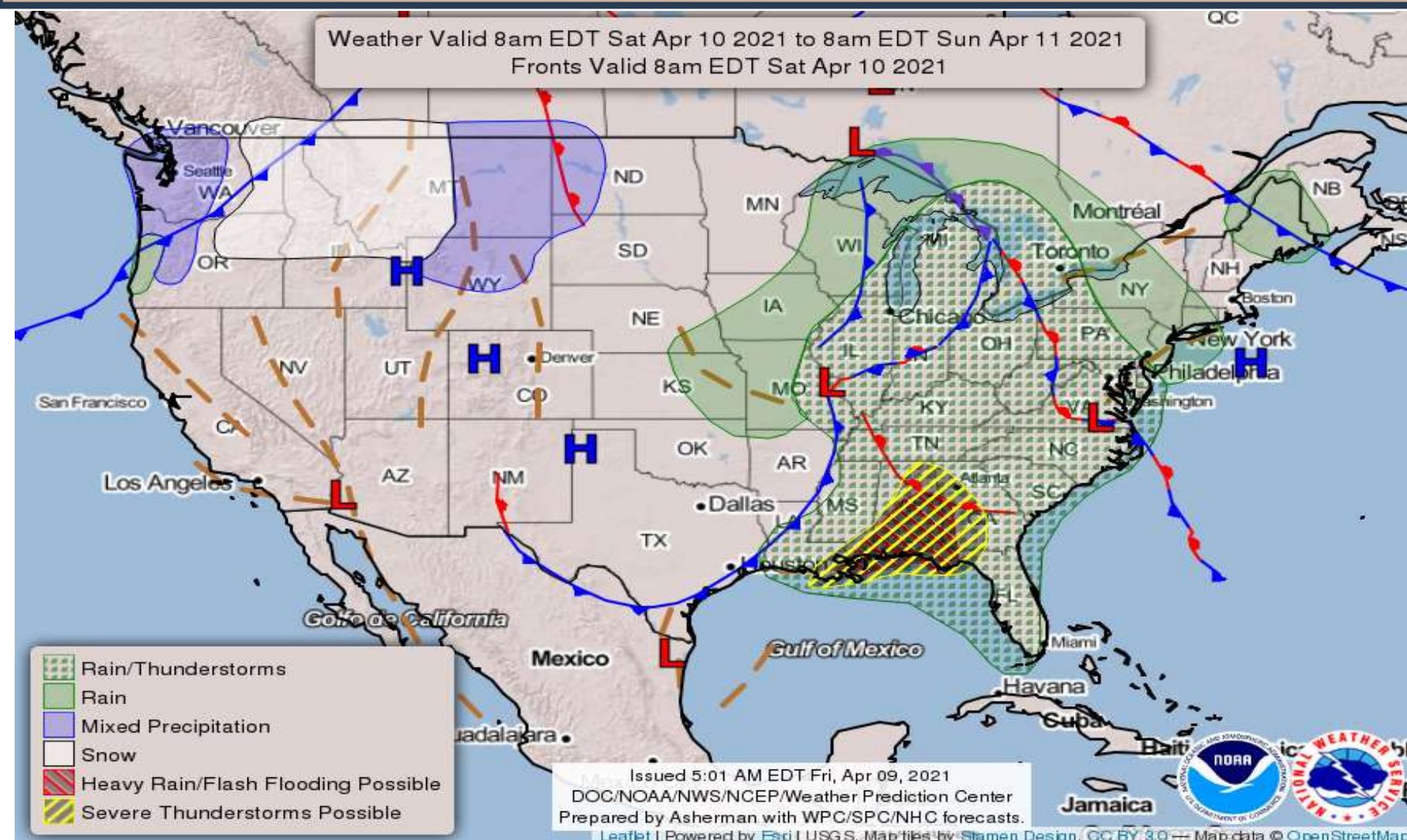


Tomorrow's Weather

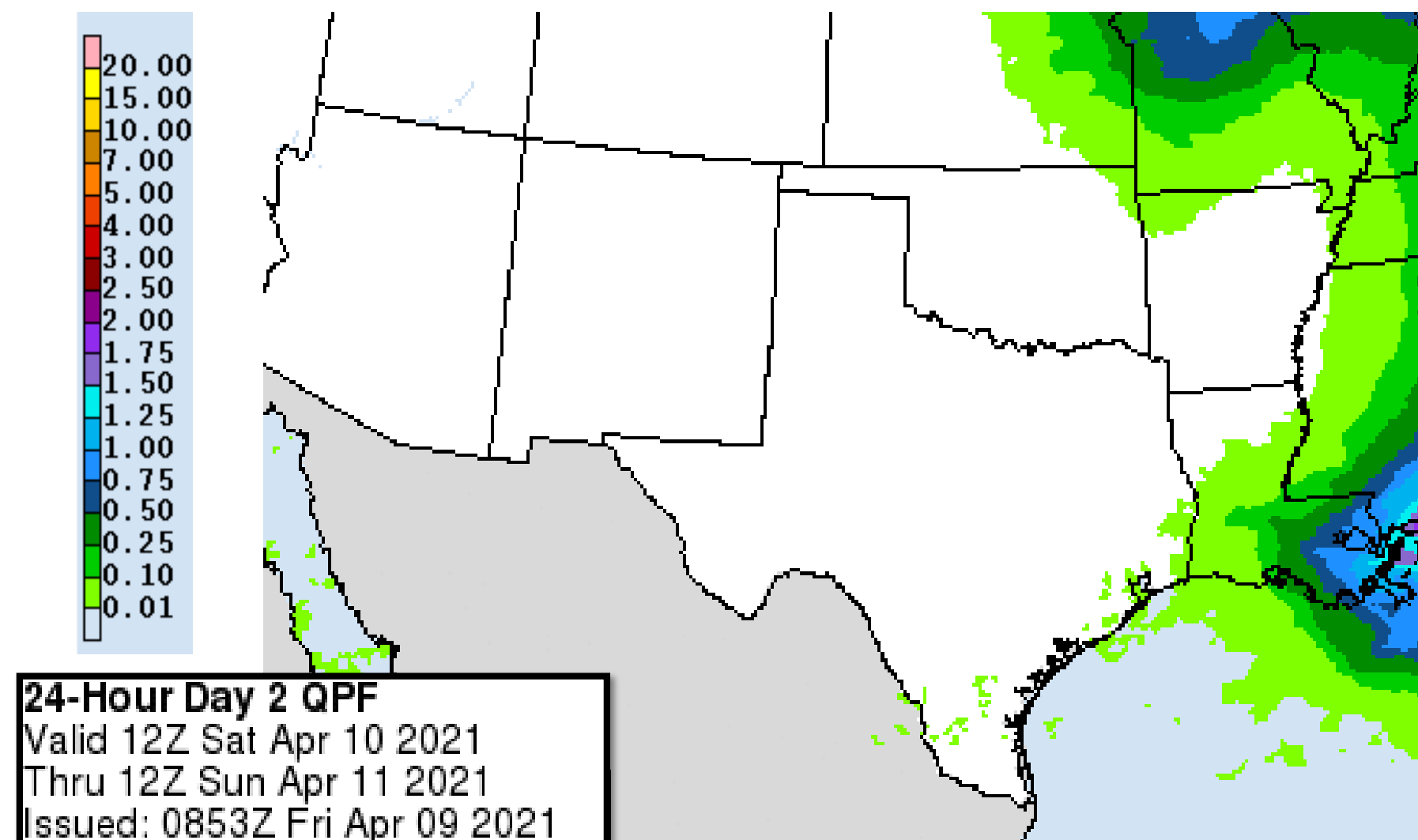


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Forecast Chart



Forecast Rainfall

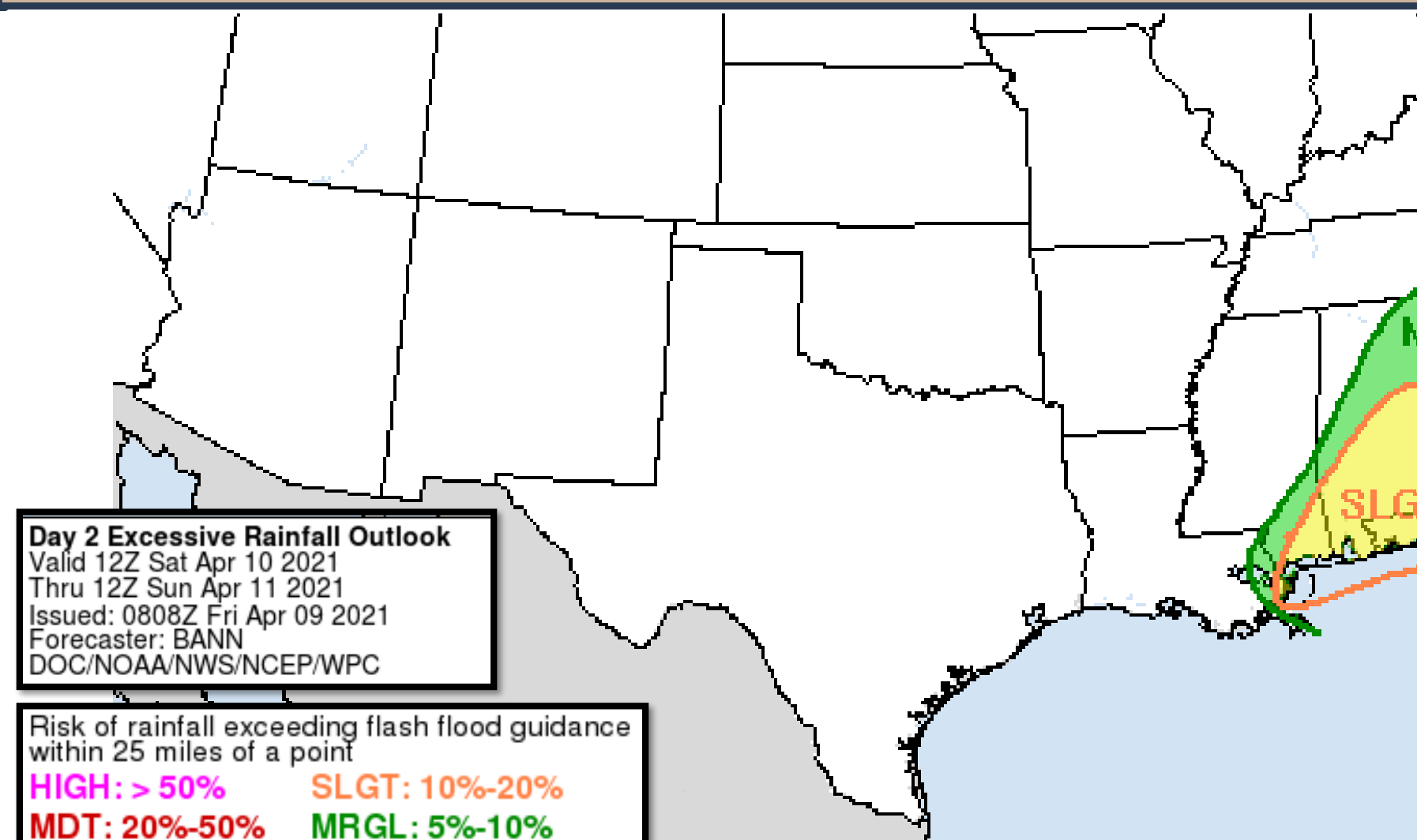


**Slight risk of severe storms
with heavy rainfall over SE LA
in the morning.**

Severe Weather Outlook

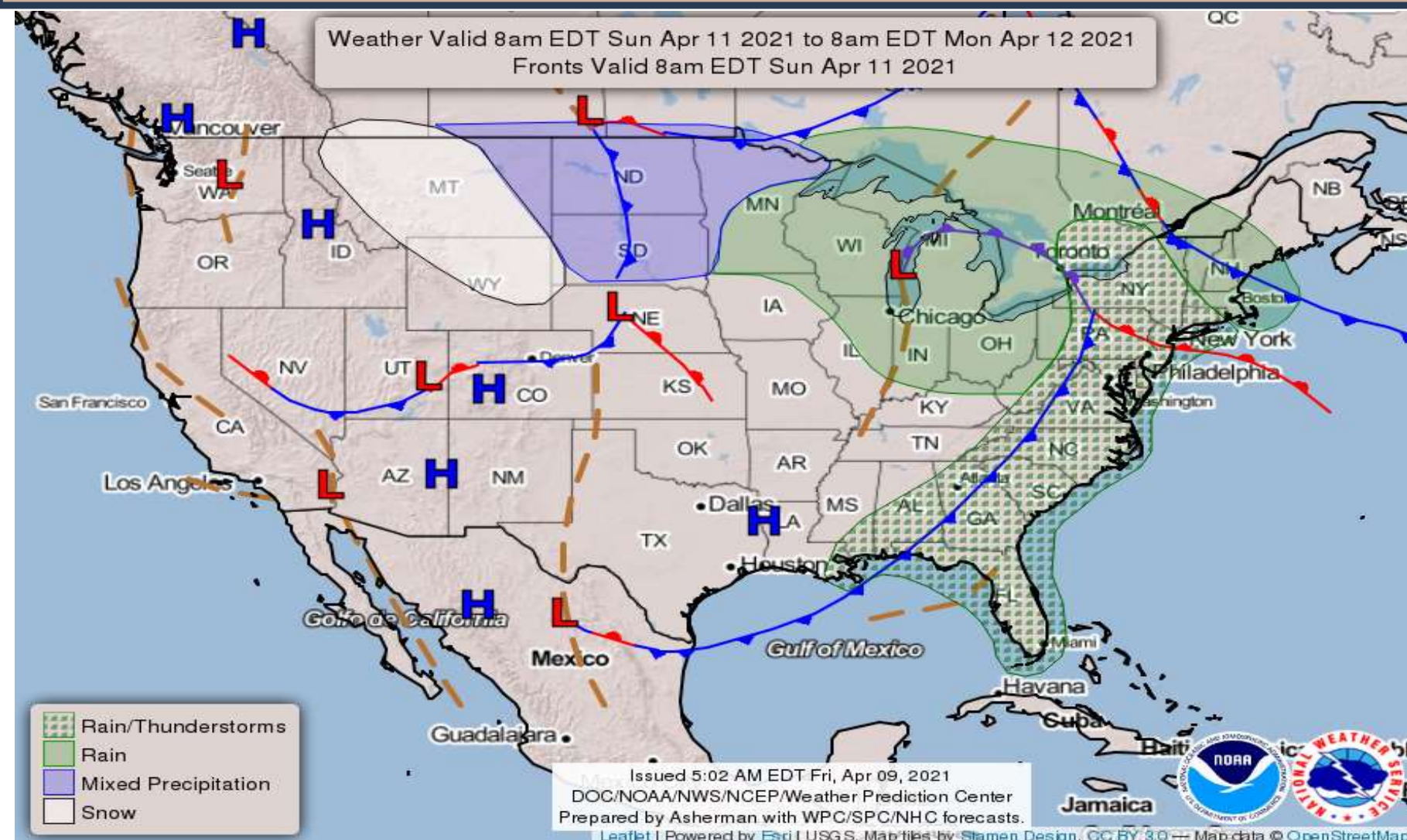


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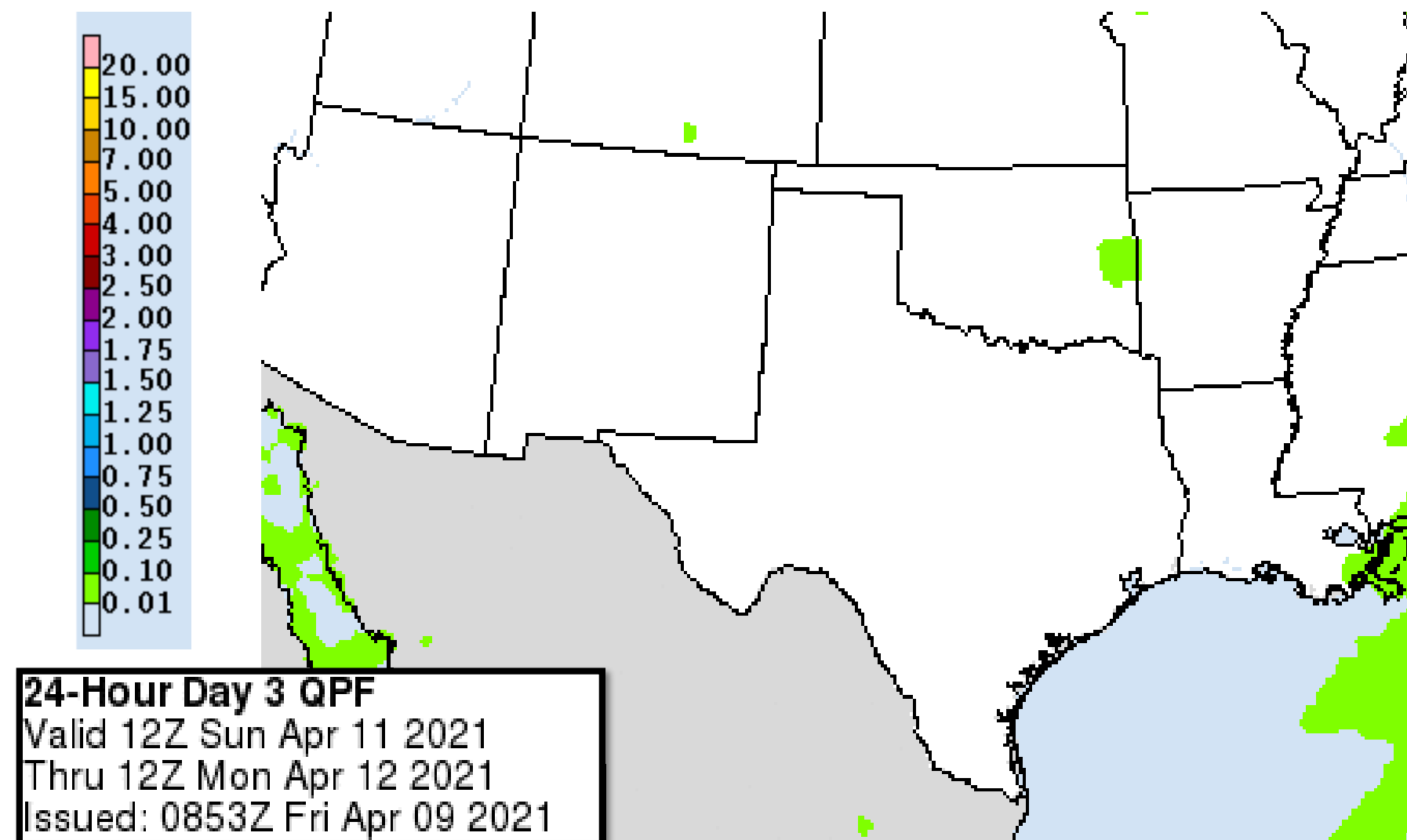


Sunday's Weather

Forecast Chart



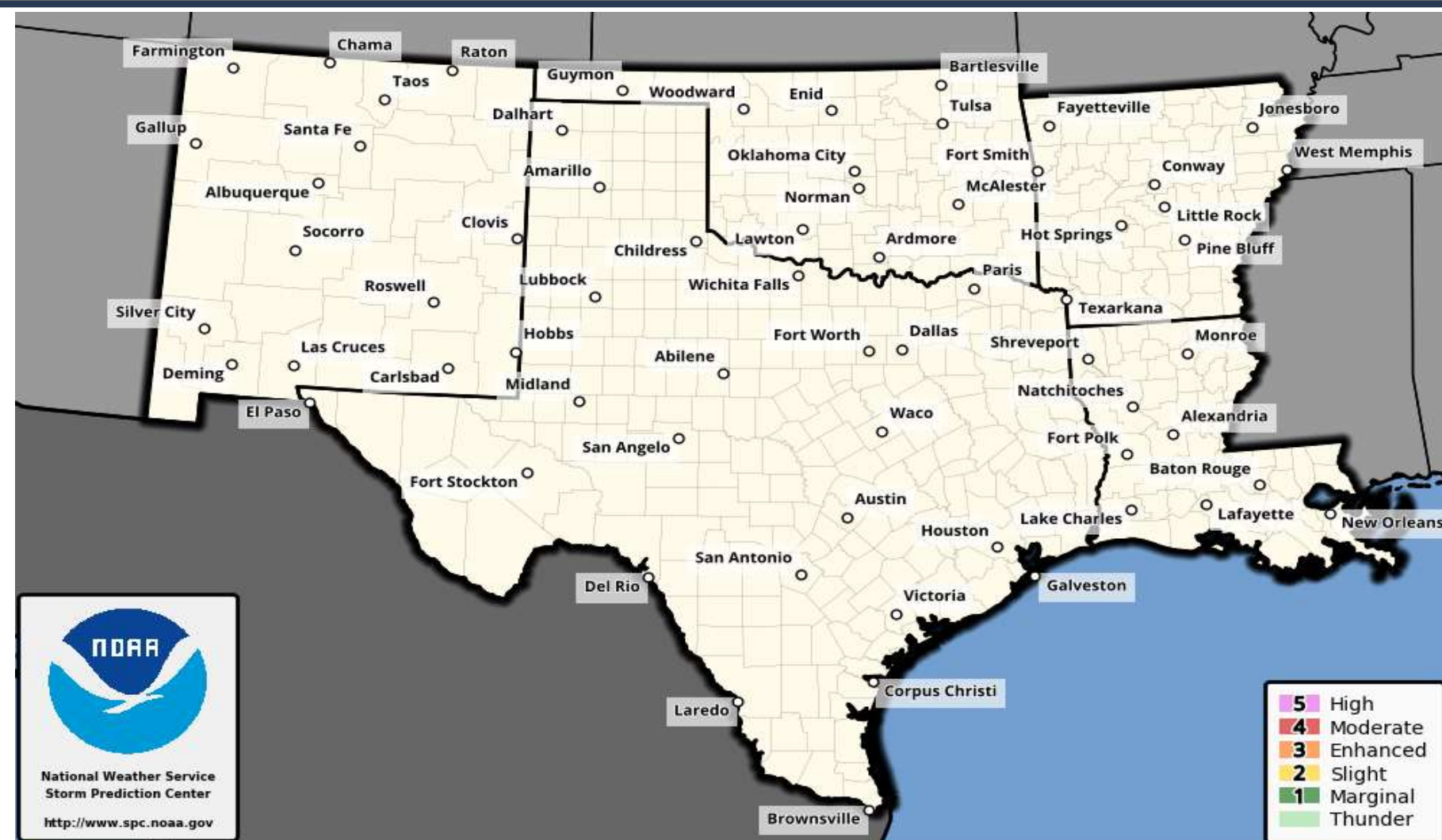
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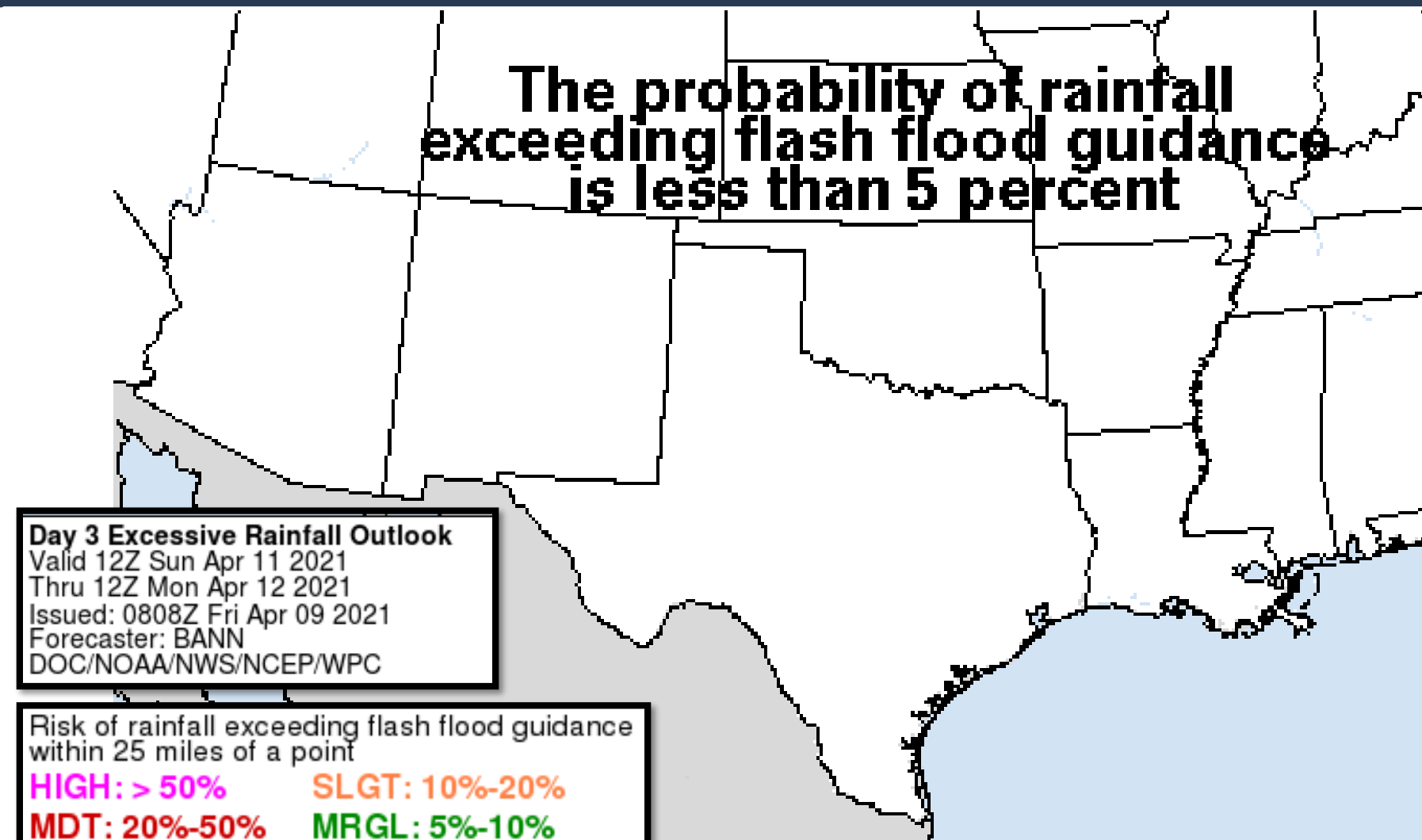
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No significant weather
expected.

Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



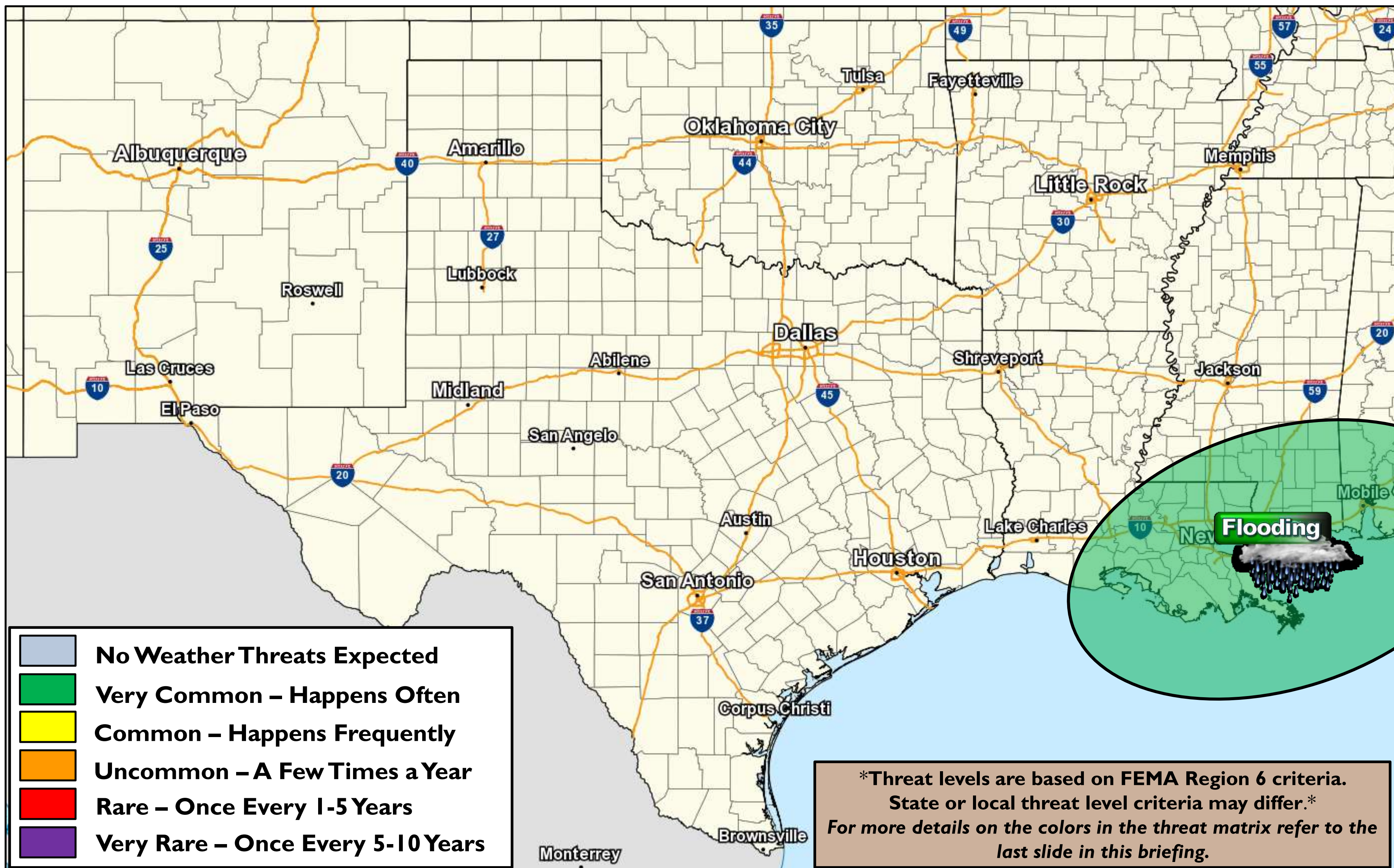
Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Monday - Tuesday



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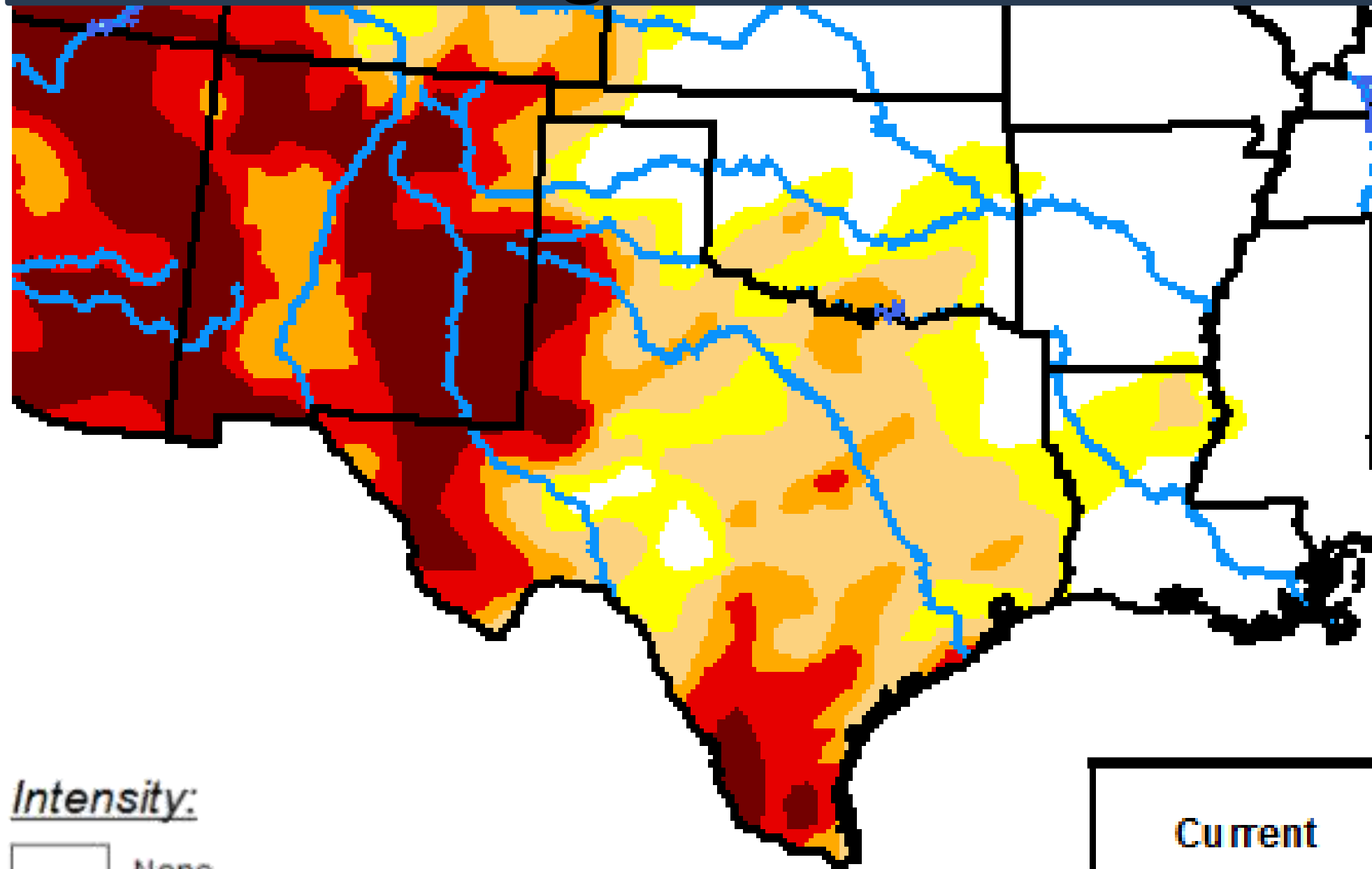
Drought Monitor (Released Apr 8, 2021)



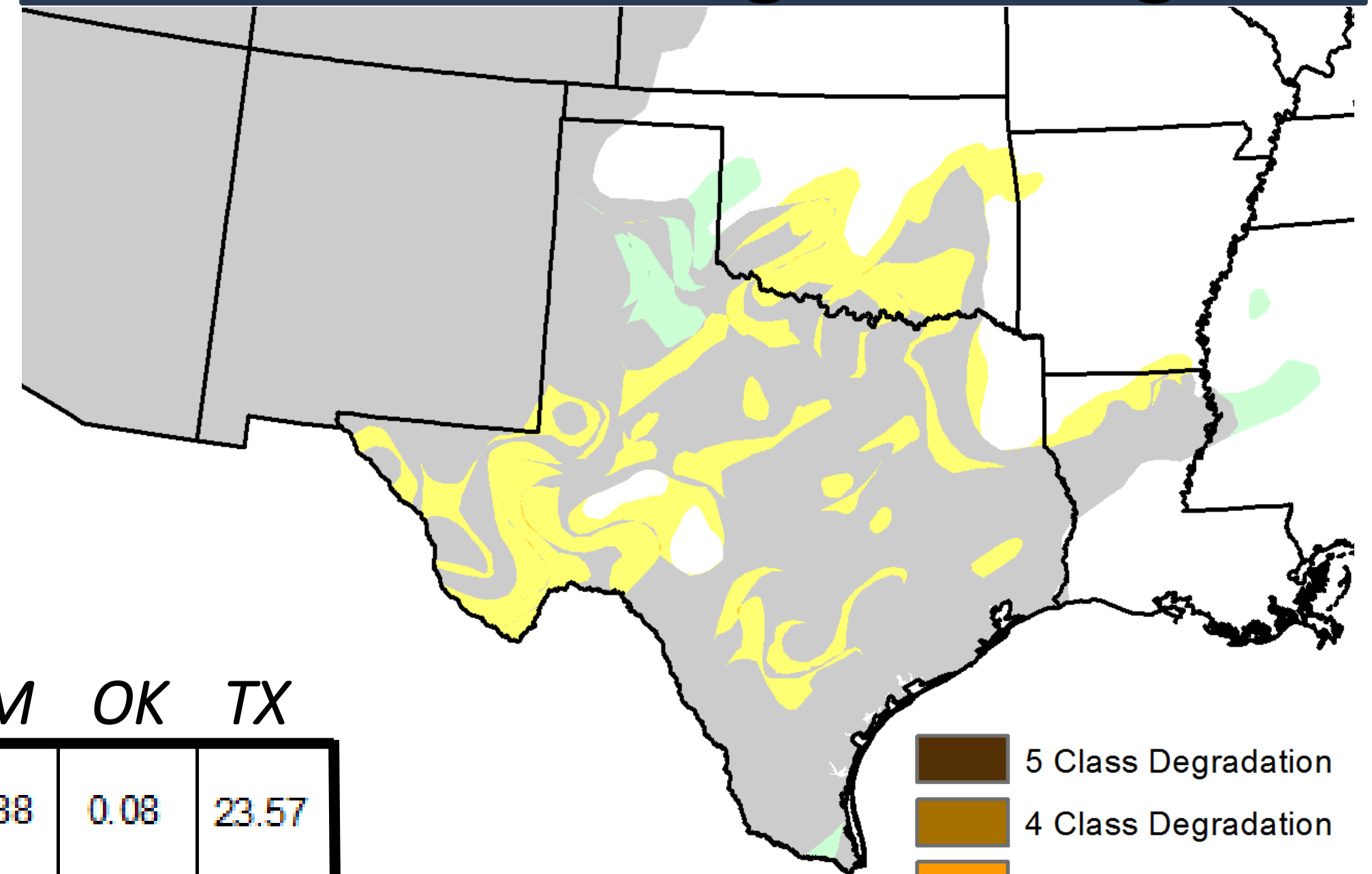
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Data valid as of 8 am ET on Tuesday, April 6, 2021

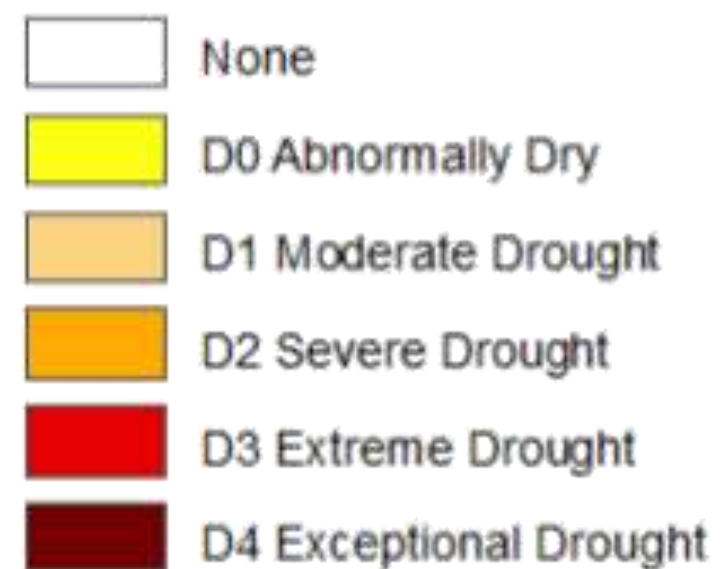
Drought Monitor



One Week Change in Drought



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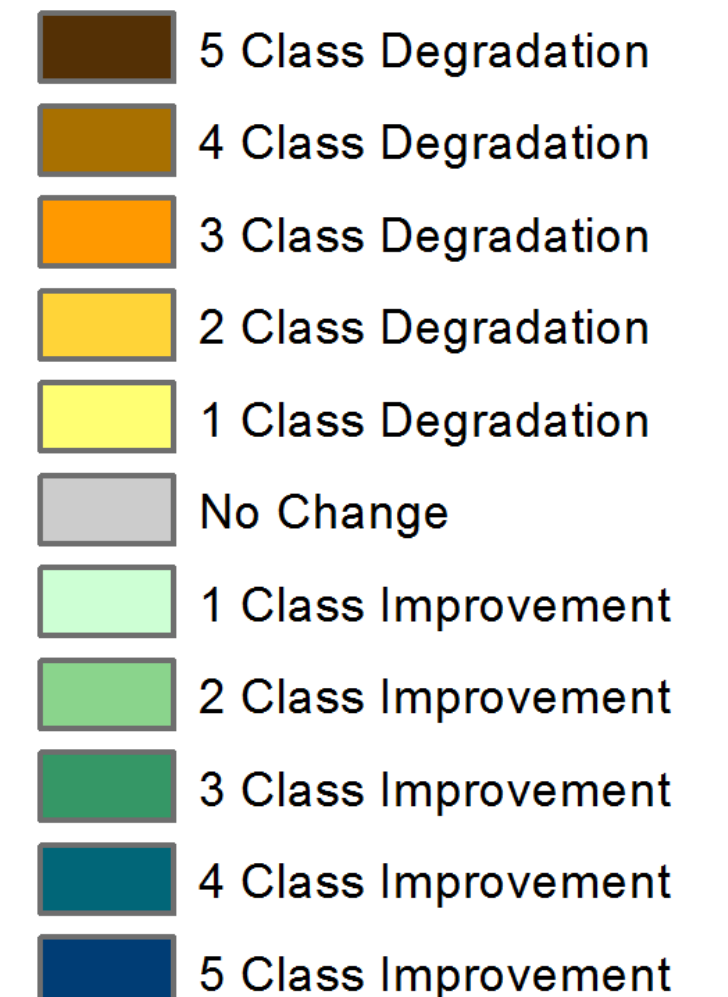


The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

	AR	LA	NM	OK	TX
Current	0.00	0.00	79.88	0.08	23.57
Last Week 03-30-2021	0.00	0.00	79.88	0.08	20.38
3 Months Ago 01-05-2021	0.00	0.00	82.26	1.45	19.24
One Year Ago 04-07-2020	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.50

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

D3-D4 (Extreme to Exceptional Drought)

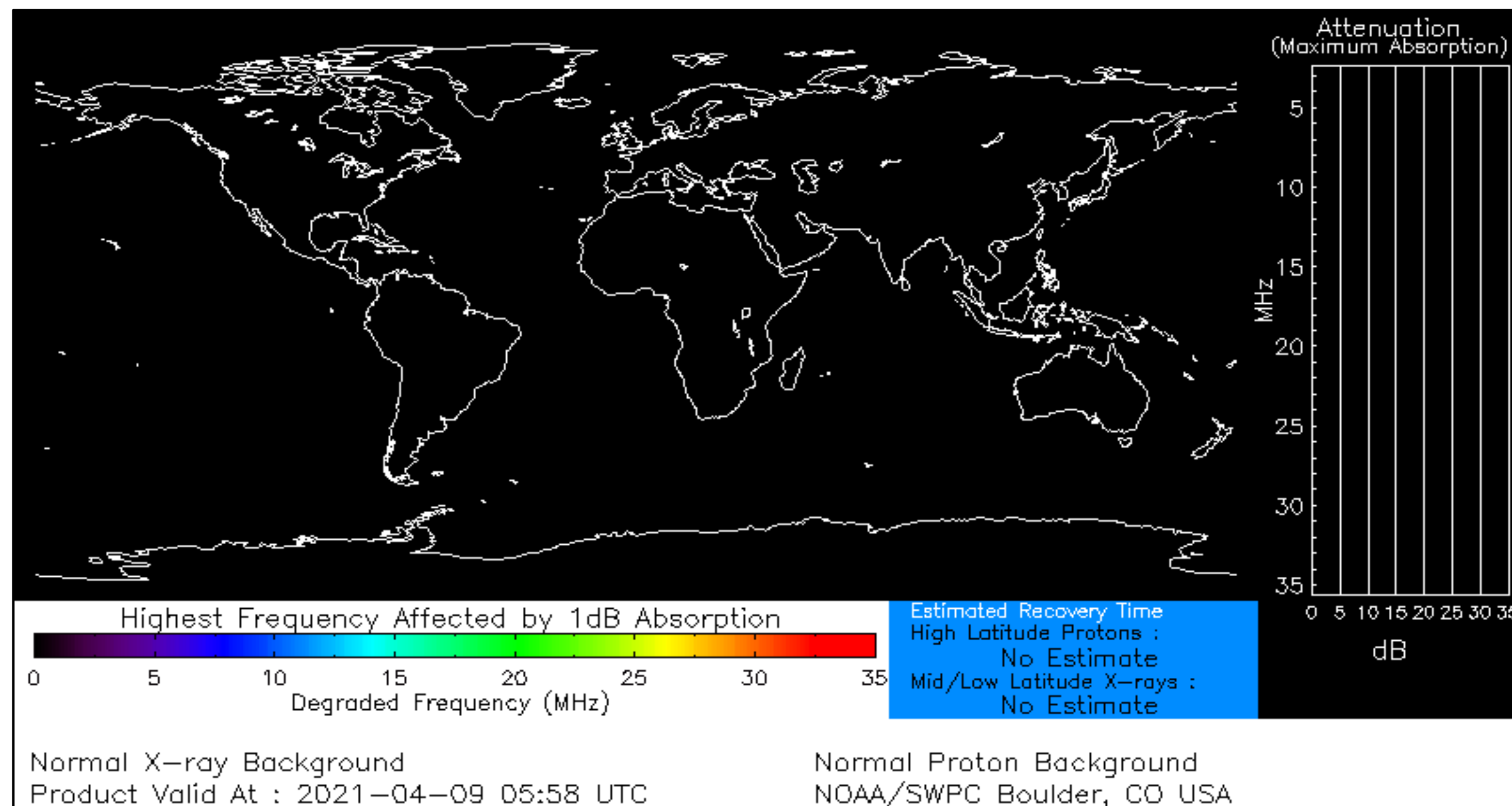


Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



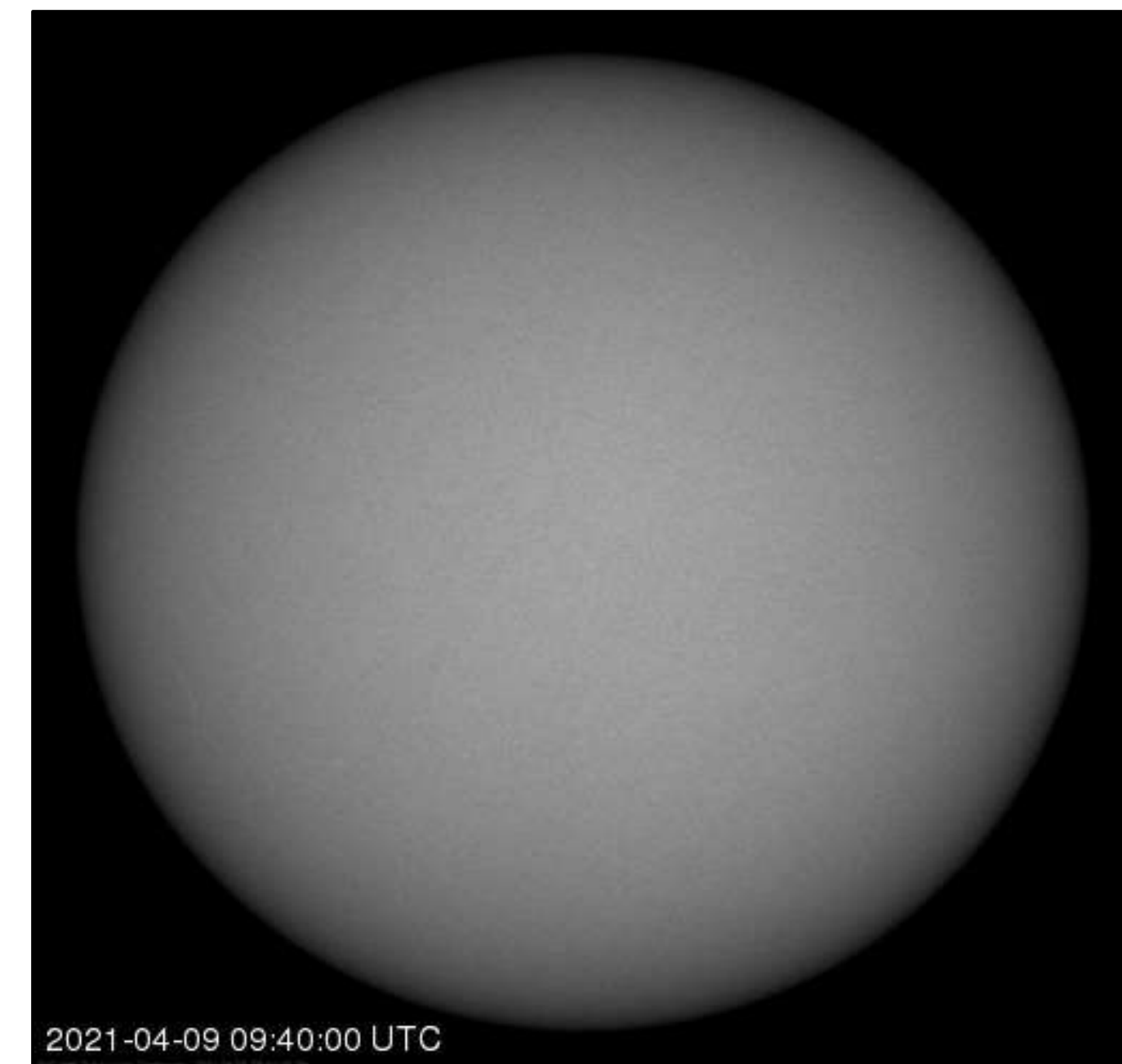
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	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet to Unsettled (Max Kp = 3)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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Description of the Space
Weather Storm Scales](#)

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3-Day Space Weather
Forecast Text](#)





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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to

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